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Ever wonder who keeps our city parks looking so good? Back in March, I had the pleasure of joining a group of residents for the annual spring cleaning of Brittany Park. After a sunny morning of edging, trimming and pulling weeds, Park Commission Chair Ron Ebbers, summer city employee and dedicated volunteer, educated the group to the history of the park. Brittany Park was initiated in the late '20s with the installation of the current fountain sitting atop a hill in a sparsely appointed park setting.

Today, the fountain sits among several well-manicured flower beds, a beautifully maintained grass area, a picnic area, and a variety of significant trees that serve to provide the right amount of shade on a warm day. We are lucky to have so many parks and green spaces throughout the city. All of these recreation and conservation assets are under the care of incredibly dedicated Park

Commission members, city staff, and volunteers.

Beyond the preservation and beautification of our green spaces, when we look to improve this city, we truly need committed volunteers and employees to make it happen. Our commitment shines. If we wish for things to be better, we must all occasionally volunteer or at least honor those who do. That goes for city leaders, neighbors, informal and organized groups. We grow best through participation and support.

Hindsight may be 20/20, yet my hope is that we can be focused on the vision of Normandy Park and what we can do now, as we continue to grow our vision. We have many plans and projects, and with the dedicated efforts of our city staff and our volunteers, I have an optimistic outlook on our short and long term prospects. What will you do this spring to make your mark on our community?

Understanding your Property Tax Bill

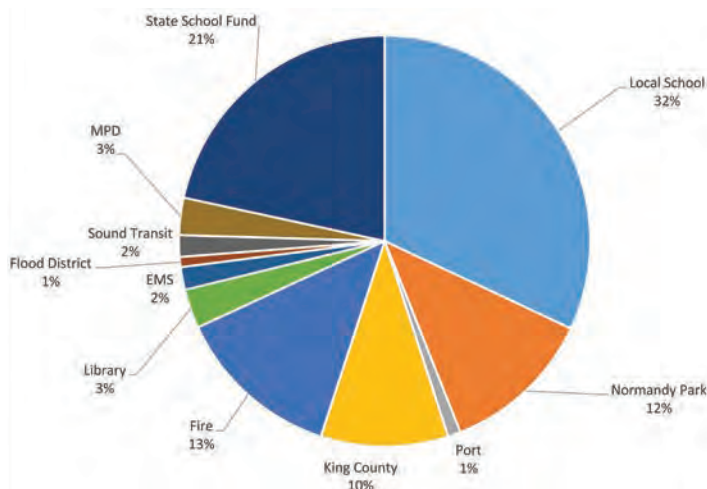
BY JENNIFER FERRER-SANTA INES, FINANCE DIRECTOR

Many of us do not personally deal with property tax bills. If you are like most homeowners, you probably have your property tax bill payment set up so that your mortgage company makes the payment on your behalf. While this seems easy enough, it is your responsibility to make sure your taxes are paid in a timely manner. The first half of your property bill is due on April 30 and the second half is due October 31.

Your property tax bill is calculated by the total levy rate of \$12.16956/ \$1000 AV (Assessed Value) X the Assessed Value of your property. The calculation for a home valued at \$500,000 looks like this below:

Home value	\$500,000
Divide value above by \$1000	\$500
Current levy rate	\$12.17
Multiply levy rate/\$1000 AV of home value	\$6,084.78
Property tax bill due on April 30	\$3042.39
Property tax bill due on October 31	\$3042.39

It is important to note that only a portion of your property tax bill is distributed to the City of Normandy Park. In the example above, approximately \$730 or 12% of your total property tax bill is used by the City of Normandy Park to deliver and maintain services like public safety and other city hall services like permitting. The remaining \$5,355 of your property tax bill is distributed to schools and other local governments and programs. Below is a pie chart of how your property tax bill is distributed.



For more information about property taxes, please visit King County Tax Information (<https://kingcounty.gov/services/home-property.aspx>), King County Assessor's Office (<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/assessor.aspx>), or Department of Revenue (<https://dor.wa.gov/>)

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MONTHLY MEETING CALENDAR

Arts Commission

1st Tuesday, 7pm

Economic Development Committee

1st Wednesday, 6pm

Council Meeting

2nd Tuesday, 7pm

Metropolitan Parks District

2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm (if necessary)

Civil Service

3rd Tuesday, Noon (if necessary)

Park Commission

3rd Wednesday, 7pm

Planning Commission

3rd Thursday, 7pm

Council Study Session

4th Tuesday, 7pm (if necessary)



Council Corner

Your Bond Dollars at Work: Highline School District

As a member of the Capital Facilities Advisory Committee (CFAC) and the Bond Oversight Committee, I saw this column as a great opportunity to update you regarding the 2016 Bond.

In November 2016, the citizens of the Highline School District passed a \$299 million bond, allowing the School District to move forward with new construction, critical needs repairs, safety and security upgrades across the district, addition of new classrooms to existing schools, and money to begin designing Tyee and Evergreen High schools. Below is a brief review of how the bond dollars have been spent so far.

Highline High: The construction of Highline will begin immediately after school ends in June 2019. The new design will include using salvaged pieces of the current façade in the new one; you can see the design on the District website. The new construction will be a safe and beautiful school for the staff and students to be proud of.

Olympic Interim Site: The Olympic site has been completely overhauled with new portables, improved gym and kitchen, multiple safety upgrades and other necessary updates. This project is about complete and ready for the Highline High school students to move in September 2019.

Des Moines Elementary: Des Moines Elementary at the Zenith site is well underway and is going to be beautiful! The school is state of the art and larger than the current Des Moines, allowing it to welcome more students in September 2019.

Glacier Middle School: The new Glacier will be the 5th and newest Middle School in the district. With the new Glacier, 6th graders will move into Middle School in 2019! In addition to being a beautiful, new state of the art school for our students, the district will add food storage and a full production kitchen, which allows the district to save money by no longer needing to rent storage and kitchen space.

Security and Safety: All schools now have safety deadbolts. Cameras are being updated and added to enhance security needs. The first phase of electronic door locks will begin soon and the second phase will begin this summer. Ensuring all school doors can be locked all at once in an emergency situation.

Design for Tyee and Evergreen: The 2016 bond allows dollars to begin the design process for these High Schools. This will cut costs by starting the design and bidding process now and by allowing the schools to begin the rebuilds as soon as the next bond passes, saving time and money.

Additional Classroom: Thanks to Bill 6080, the district received \$6 million for the addition of 13 permanent classrooms. These classrooms will be split between four elementary schools to be completed in 2019 and 2020.

The 2016 bond dollars are going towards excellent projects throughout the district to facilitate the growth of the district and the needs of our students. Currently the CFAC is diligently and thoughtfully preparing the next bond, keep your eyes out for details soon!

—MICHELLE SIPES-MARVIN, CITY COUNCILMEMBER

Doing the Work

BY ANDREA H. REAY, SEATTLE SOUTHSIDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
NORMANDY PARK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

As we work toward Normandy Park's community vision for economic development, sustainability, and growth, your regional Chamber of Commerce is continuing in its collaborative efforts with the city. The fact that the city is adding an economic development supplement to its Comprehensive Plan is a crucial step toward this vision.

Another part of ensuring that the culture of collaboration achieves actionable impact is taking the time to gather the information necessary to develop a work plan. As an independent nonprofit, the Chamber exists to serve the community by providing resources, opportunities, and education, so that it may grow, engage and improve it. The Chamber has been working with Berk Consulting to analyze the

opportunities available to inform the process and ensure that we are prepared to take advantage of future economic development opportunities.

Additional information needed includes the data and analysis of the community and businesses in Normandy Park. For that reason the city is sponsoring a business survey that can be found on page 20 of this issue. This survey will provide a better sense of the business landscape and will allow your feedback to become part of the strategic efforts moving forward. The businesses already in Normandy Park are the backbone of the development plan. With your help, we can continue to make this community thrive.

The Chamber looks forward to receiving survey results

and to helping the city learn and understand more through this outreach effort. The more responses we have, the better our statistical analysis. We encourage both big and small businesses to participate with in-depth, honest feedback. Please return your survey by June 30, 2019.

To obtain more information about the survey and to complete an online version, please visit our website at SeattleSouthsideChamber.com/NPBizSurvey. If you would prefer to participate by phone, call 206-575-1633 during regular business hours. We look forward to hearing from you.

Note: This article was written at the behest of the Normandy Park Economic Development Committee. Councilmember, and Chair of the Committee, Patrick McDonald, worked closely with the Chamber for this article's publication.

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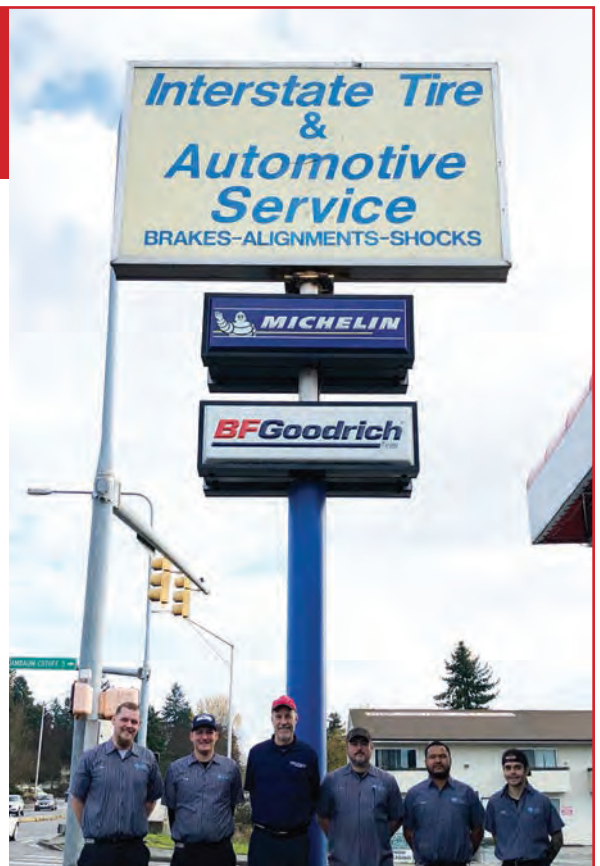
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... what Normandy Park could look like in the future?

The importance of the Future Land Use Map

BY RYAN HARRIMAN, AICP, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Like all cities in Washington state, the City of Normandy Park has a zoning ordinance, and each property falls into a specific zoning district. The Future Land Use Map (FLUM) is different from the zoning map in that it shows the projected long-term uses that the city would like to see and not just the current allowed or historical uses.

The FLUM does not dictate the zoning on a parcel of property, but serves as a guide for future development. The Planning Commission and the City Council use the FLUM and the Comprehensive Plan as tools in considering zoning changes on particular properties.

What is a Comprehensive Plan? A Comprehensive Plan is a document designed to guide a community's physical development. The plan also serves to clarify the relationship between physical development policies and social and economic goals.

A Comprehensive Plan itself is not a regulation, but regulations such as zoning are means to implement the plan. A Comprehensive Plan is not a static document; it needs to be continually updated as conditions change.

The Plan provides a long-term perspective to guide short-term community decisions such as how to evaluate the potential impacts of rezoning a parcel of land. It

presents a blueprint or vision for the future, with long-range goals and objectives for activities that affect local government.

Proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan are considered no more than once per year, as required by the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA). All proposals are reviewed at the same time so the cumulative effect of the various proposals can be determined. However, state law does allow some amendments to be made outside of the regular annual amendment cycle. These include actions such as subarea planning or emergency amendments, for which there are criteria.

Comprehensive Plan text amendments can be initiated by the City Council or Planning Commission. Property owners, residents, or government agencies can request text amendments. It is at the discretion of the City Council to choose not to review text amendments.

Comprehensive Plan map amendments can be requested for docketing by government agencies and property owners for their own property. It is at the discretion of the City Council to choose whether to review map amendments.

The right of a municipality to manage and regulate land use is rooted in its need to

protect the health, safety, and welfare of local citizens. The first step in establishing the guidelines for such oversight is the community's Comprehensive Plan.

Although it is one of several components of the Comprehensive Plan, the significance of the FLUM cannot be overstated. Similar to the way in which a map serves as a guide to a particular destination, the FLUM should serve Normandy Park as a guide to its unique vision of its future as the city continues to develop.

The FLUM should ultimately be reflected through the city's policy and development decisions. The Future Land Use Plan is not a zoning map, which would otherwise address specific development requirements on individual parcels. The zoning map and changes in zoning should, however, be based on the Future Land Use Map.

The FLUM serves as Normandy Park's most complete long-range roadmap and establishes the overall framework for the preferred development pattern of the city, based principally on balanced, compatible, and diversified land uses. The map and text ultimately reflect the city's long-range statement of public land use policy and should be used as a basis for future development decisions.

Ever Wonder...

... where the money from traffic tickets goes?

Your standard traffic ticket carries a \$136 fine, which prompts many people to accuse police departments of writing tickets only to generate revenue and not because of public safety. As you will see in the table below, the city receives only a small portion of the fine amount; the majority goes to the State and other legislated funds with only approximately one-third being returned to the city that wrote the ticket. In addition, Normandy Park pays the Court approximately \$44 for each ticket filed, leaving only \$3.10 to be returned to the city. Fine amounts are set by the state courts and are reviewed periodically. The last update was completed in 2015.

*Distribution of a
typical \$136 traffic
infraction penalty
(Unscheduled
infraction)*

Account Description	% of Penalty	Total Revenue
Local Government	34.63%	\$47.10
Local Crime Victims	0.62%	84¢
State Public Safety and Education (eff. 5/86)	35.34%	\$48.06
Judicial Information Systems (eff. 7/01)	16.91%	\$23.00
Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Care (eff. 1/98)	3.68%	\$5.00
Auto Theft (eff. 7/07)	7.35%	\$10.00
Traumatic Brain Injury (eff 7/07)	1.47%	\$2.00
Total	100%	\$136.00

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BY AMANDA LEÓN

This fall and winter many lawns suffered from the wildlife attacking their lawns in order to dig up the larvae from the Chafer Beetle. It's a relatively new pest with very little information available. Both City Hall and Marvista Park have been infested, and since we avoid chemical applications in public parks, we are learning how to minimize the damage in an environmentally responsible way. It was discovered in Burien in 2015 and believed to have been carried on airplanes flying into SeaTac from Canada!

Why should you care?

The larvae feed on the roots of turf grass. Many animals find the larvae and grubs a good source of protein. This includes raccoons, skunks, crows, and other birds. They rip up large areas of grass one tuft at a time to get to the grubs. In the process, they are often destroying the lawn.

What can you do?

Do you think you have chafer beetles in your lawn? Washington State Department of Agriculture and WSU extension office can help you identify the grubs and help you learn about best management practices.

- Chafer beetles feast on weak and stressed lawns—keep your lawn healthy!
- Keep watering in the summer months to keep your lawn alive.
- Mow less frequently and increase the mowing height to at least 2-1/2 inches. This

allows for deeper roots, shades out weeds and resists wear and tear. Cutting the grass short allows moss and weeds to propagate, prevents deep root growth, and develops turf that is resistant to erosion and compaction.

- Water deeply (about one inch a week) and infrequently to encourage grass roots to grow longer and become established. Frequent shallow watering produces shallow roots at the surface, stunts growth, and causes thatch buildup.
- Fertilize regularly with slow release organic fertilizers.
- Build healthier soil by top dressing with organic material.
- Aerate, overseed and topdress the lawn at least once a year.
- Perform annual soil tests. King County Conservation district provides for five free soil tests a year. Make sure to follow the suggested changes from the soil test results.
- If your lawn becomes shaded by growing nearby trees, replace the lawn with native groundcover plants.
- Reseed the lawn in fall with tall fescue grass seed. Tall fescues



Crows, raccoons and other wildlife destroy the lawn at City Hall Park searching for chafer beetle larvae.



European chafer beetle larvae are C-shaped plump and grayish-white with a brown head and 6 legs about one inch long.

do not have much thatch; the European chafer beetle lays its eggs almost exclusively in thatch.

What is Normandy Park's Parks District doing to combat chafer beetles?

- The city applied diatomaceous earth in the fall to eliminate the surface-feeding grubs. Diatomaceous earth is the skeletal remains of algae ground into razor-sharp, minute particles. It is harmless to earthworms, birds, and mammals, yet repels many lawn and garden pests, including grubs.
- In June the city will apply beneficial nematodes as soon as damage becomes evident when the soil temperature reaches 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Beneficial nematodes are microscopic predators that attack and kill grubs. We will water deeply before applying and keep the soil moist for 48 hours afterward. Nematodes are best applied in the early morning or early evening to avoid contact with sunlight.
- We will topdress and overseed the bare patches with perennial ryegrasses and fine fescues.
- If we still cannot remedy the infestation, we will replace the areas with sod.

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Shoreline Master Program and Critical Areas Ordinance Update

BY RYAN HARRIMAN, AICP, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The City of Normandy Park is undertaking a periodic review of its Shoreline Master Program (SMP), as required by the Washington State Shoreline Management Act (SMA), RCW 90.58.080(4). In conjunction with this project, the city will also be updating the Normandy Park Critical Areas Ordinance, last updated in 2008, to be consistent with provisions of the Growth Management Act (GMA). The SMA requires each SMP be reviewed and revised, if needed, on an eight-year schedule established by the Legislature. The review ensures the SMP stays current with changes in laws and rules, remains consistent with other Normandy Park plans and regulations, and is responsive to changed circumstances, new information and improved data.

The Washington State Shoreline Management Act of 1971 (SMA) was enacted for the purpose of comprehensively managing and protecting the state's shorelines. The SMA (Chapters 90.58 RCW and 173-26 WAC) emphasizes accommodation of appropriate uses that require a shoreline location, protection of shoreline environmental resources and protection of the public's right to access and use the shorelines.

Under the SMA, each city and county with "shorelines of the state" must prepare and adopt a SMP that is based on state laws

and rules but tailored to the specific geographic, economic and environmental needs of the community. **The SMP is essentially a combined comprehensive plan, zoning ordinance, and development permit system for shoreline-specific uses. Shorelines of the state within jurisdiction of the City of Normandy Park include all marine waters and associated wetlands.**

Periodic updates of shoreline master programs are required by the State Department of Ecology (Ecology) at least once every eight years.

Ecology is the regulatory body in charge of overseeing the city's SMP update and will also provide technical support and partial funding to prepare SMP periodic reviews for shoreline jurisdictions in Snohomish, King and Pierce Counties.

The scope of this periodic review is to ensure that the City of Normandy Park's SMP complies with new laws and guidelines and is consistent with the city's Comprehensive Plan and other local plans and regulations that have been adopted since

Through the Public Participation Plan, the City will strive to engage with a broad range of stakeholders throughout the update process. From this early stage through the final adoption of revised regulations and rules, input from the community will be vital in shaping the updates to the SMP.

the SMP was updated in 2016. Additional amendments to the SMP may be necessary to reflect changing local circumstances, new information, or improved data (WAC 173-26-090).

This required periodic review will focus on updates to ensure consistency with current adopted plans and regulations and will be

based on the best available science to address critical areas within shoreline jurisdiction.

One of the key features of the SMP review and update process is a robust plan for public engagement and participation.

Through the Public Participation Plan, the city will strive to engage with a broad range of stakeholders throughout the update process. From this early stage through the final adoption of revised regulations and rules, input from the community will be vital in shaping SMP updates.

If you are curious about the update process and want more information on the scope of the project, the city is hosting an open house on Tuesday, April 16, at 7pm. The open house will be held in the City Council Chambers at 801 SW 174th Street.

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7–8:30am	Water Walking		Water Walking		Water Walking	Water Walking	
8:30–9:30am	Aerobics	Aerobics	Aerobics	Aerobics	Aerobics	Lessons	
9:30–11am	Water Walking	Water Walking	Water Walking	Water Walking	Water Walking		
11am–1pm	Family Swim	Family Swim	Family Swim	Family Swim	Family Swim	Family Swim	
1–3pm	Cleaning and Maintenance					Open Swim* 2–4pm	
3–4pm							
4–7pm	Family Swim	Lessons	Family Swim	Lessons	Family Swim		
7–8pm		Aerobics		Aerobics			
8–9pm		Family Swim		Family Swim			
Lap Swim & Activities – Deep							
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
5:30–7am		Lap Swim		Lap Swim			
7–11am	Lap Swim		Lap Swim		Lap Swim	Lap Swim	
11am–1pm					Lap Swim	Lap Swim	
1–3pm	Cleaning and Maintenance						
3–6pm	SMAC Swim Teams						
6–7pm	Lap Swim	Lap Swim	Lap Swim	Lap Swim	Aerobics		
7–9pm					Lap Swim		

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TEEN NIGHTS

Last Friday of each month
7–8pm – \$2/swimmer

A great atmosphere for teens to enjoy a safe environment while having fun and exerting extra energy. One diving board open, as well as space in the shallow and deep end for activities and fun!

FREE SENIOR THURSDAY

First Thursday of each month
Free to Seniors including the water exercise. Class in the morning followed by coffee and doughnuts

FREE WATER SAFETY EVENTS

April Pool's Day:
Saturday, April 13, 2–4pm

National Learn to Swim Day:
Saturday, May 18, 2–4pm

Summer Spashtacular:
Saturday, June 22, 2–4pm



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Guitars into Art

"School of Rock" was this year's Marvista Elementary School's PTSA fundraising auction theme and so it was fitting that guitars would be at the heart of this big event. With help of a team of volunteer art docents, students worked to transform second-hand guitars into priceless works of art.

The volunteers in the Marvista Art Docent Program introduced students to multi-cultural visual art using a variety of artistic techniques and media. The program is designed to give students a basic visual arts education by combining art history, art appreciation, art criticism, and art making.

For the school's auction, each grade level was assigned a specific artist chosen from the Art Docent curriculum to inspire a cohesive piece of art that was adhere to each guitar. Art docent Candace Krull created templates that were passed around to each classroom so that students could contribute their artistic talents and put their signatures on their masterpieces. Fitting three to four classrooms' worth of work onto one guitar was challenging, but the results were amazing.

Each grade level had its own unique project. Kindergarteners in Christine, Haisch, Moeller, and Lyster's classes tried their little hands at making circles with oil pastels similar to Kandinsky's *Squares with Concentric Circles*. Chapman, Juhl, Nair, and Bento's first graders worked with primary colors to fill in the squares on their Mondrian-inspired guitar. Who can resist creating a splatter painting like Jackson Pollock? Not the second graders in Dixon, Ehig and Meyer's classes.



Kindergarteners—
Kandinsky



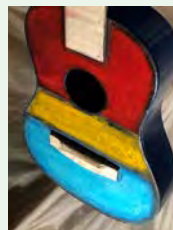
1st Grade—
Mondrian



2nd Grade—
Pollock

Art Docent committee lead, Nikki Melchior organized the progress of each classroom and lent advice to help classroom docents complete their part.

Rothko's bold blocks of color inspired third graders in Latimer, Gardener-Young, and Rice's classes to create a striking piece for their guitar. Fourth graders (teachers, D'Arenzo, Hollingsworth, Johnson, and Poole) paired up with docent Krull to airbrush their Warhol-inspired pop art of the school's orca mascot. Brase, Shafer, and Snyder's fifth-grade classes layered thin tissue paper to make a collage to mimic artist Calder's airy mobiles.



3rd Grade—
Rothko

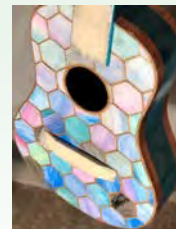


4th Grade—
Warhol



5th Grade—
Calder

Snow days in January hindered progress in getting the students' artwork completed, as well as slowing down progress on priming and painting the base colors on the guitars. 6th graders in Solis, Yore, and Brown's classes got their part not only completed, but completed in style. They took on the task of creating a piece of optical art. This two-day project had students painting with watercolors one day and cutting up their paintings into hexagons to pull together a marvelous collage that was downright dreamy. The sixth-graders' hard work paid off at auction, their guitar was sold at the "Buy-It-Now" price before the live auction even started.



6th Grade guitar





Marvista's Emotional Behavioral Center (EBC) classes created an amazing one-of-a-kind guitar. This guitar (left) was painted with a gold base coat and brought to the EBC classes for students to pick a special spot to put a puzzle piece.

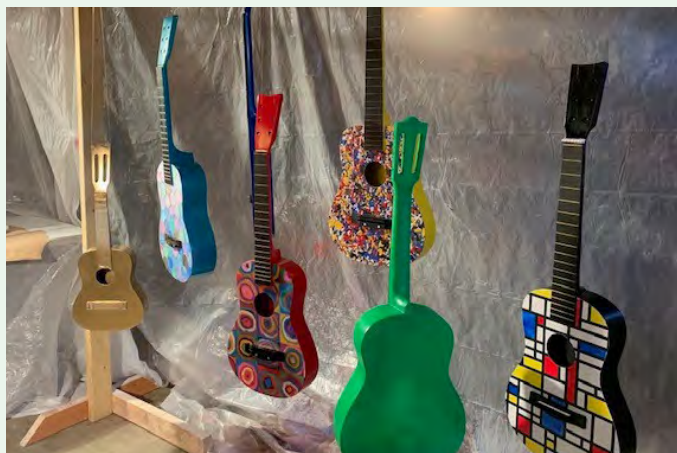
Docent Krull applied a top

coat of graffiti paint over their puzzle pieces and then took them off to reveal gold pieces scattered over the guitar. These golden impressions represent the students that are special, valued, and have worth in our community, just like real gold. Each piece on this extra-special guitar was labeled with the student's initials.

After the guitars were primed, sanded, and painted in bright, bold colors, they were ready for the students' artwork. With industrial adhesive, the art was carefully laminated onto the fronts and the signatures onto the backs of each guitar.

renowned visual artist Camille Patha into also donating a painted guitar.

School of Rock Marvista's PTSA Auction was a complete success. The eight student guitars and two artist guitars raised an incredible \$6,550! The months of hard work, coordination, and creativity were generously rewarded by the supportive families and surrounding community of Marvista Elementary School.



Once everything was affixed to the guitars, and precisely trimmed, they were ready for clear coat.

A special thanks to Candace Krull for picking out the students' projects, creating the templates,

helping numerous classes get their art done, and also for the many weeks spent spray painting, sanding, and clear coating each guitars. Krull also painted a guitar for the auction, as well as persuading Normandy Park's



"Sunrise Over The Lake" painted by Candace Krull





Senior Services

spring activities

For a complete list of Senior Service classes and events please pick up a schedule from Normandy Park City Hall, or visit City of Des Moines website at www.desmoineswa.gov. If you have any questions please contact 206-878-1642 (Des Moines Senior Service Center).

Dance Fit

This class is a whole-body workout that focuses on balance and more isolated strength and flexibility movement sequences. The intensity ranges from a moderate pace to a slower pace dance. The most important thing is that you are dancing and having FUN. Wear comfortable clothing and sneakers. Bring water! Instructor: Natalie Lavoie

Thursdays, Apr 4–May 23 **\$40**
3:30–4:20pm **Activity Center**

Sunday Walks

Gary McNeill, a local resident, is hosting local walks. The location and routes of the walks are subject to change. Updated information can be found on Meetup.com by searching for Des Moines Waterland Walking Group.

Mar 17 11am
Meet at Des Moines Marina Fishing Pier

Apr 21 10am
Meet at the Field House
Earth Day Litter Clean-up

May 19 11am
Meet at S 216th & 16th Barnes Creek Trail

Jun 16 11am
Meet at Saltwater State Park lower lot

Enhance Fitness— Silver & Fit/Kaiser Permanente

Improve physical conditioning levels and decrease the risk of falling with stretching, low-impact aerobics, strength training, and balance exercises. Gym-type shoes are required and a water bottle is always recommended.

Instructor: Yu San Gartz

Adults

Tue/Thu/Fri	Field House
Apr 2–30 8–9am or 9:20–10:20am	\$52

May 2–31 8–9am or 9:20–10:20am	\$56
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Jun 4–28 8–9am or 9:20–10:20am	\$48
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Tai Chi—Silver & Fit

This class will introduce basic movements of Tai Chi with emphasis on the no-impact, relaxed, flowing movements which aid in balance, increased strength and vitality. By the end of the 8-week course, students will have learned the movements from the 24-pattern form. Wear comfortable, loose clothing.

Instructor: John Lindsay.

Mon/Wed	Normandy Park City Hall
Apr 8–May 1	11am–Noon \$60
Jun 3–Jun 26	11am–Noon \$60

Yoga—All Levels Welcome— Silver & Fit

This gentle and easy flow class is designed to bring a suppleness to the spine, to engage the whole body with a quiet strength, and to promote balance and flexibility. Wear comfortable clothing. Bring a mat and a blanket.

Instructor: Meagan of Sugarcane Yoga and Cuisine

Thursdays, Apr 4–May 23 **\$55**
4:30–5:30pm **Activity Center**

ART WORKSHOPS

All art supplies are available for class use.

Spring Floral Arrangement

Create a lovely floral arrangement to liven up your living room.

Instructor: Charisse Gregory

Fri Apr 12, 9–11am **\$20**

Paint a Bird House

Create a colorful home for the birds in your yard.

Mon Apr 22, 10–11:30am **\$5**

Creative Collages

Use old magazines and newspapers to make an original design.

Mon May 6, 10–11:30am **FREE**





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Senior Services

spring activities

Yarn Weaving Wall Hanging

Using wire hangers and yarn, weave an inspirational hanging.

Mon May 20, 10–11:30am **FREE**

Pill Bottle Picture Holders

Repurpose your old pill bottles into cute photo holders.

Mon Jun 3, 10–11:30am **FREE**

Watercolor

Learn to get the colors and values you desire by choosing the correct pigments, and the right ratio of water to paint. We will paint live seasonal subjects and landscapes from photos. Experienced painters can confidently branch off from this and add their own creative flourishes. Beginners and advanced painters will create their own unique watercolors—with no mud!

Instructor: Susan Waite

Tuesdays, May 7–Jun 11
1–3:30pm

\$65



Get Your ORCA Card

Senior and Disabled Reduced Fare ORCA cards are available at the Des Moines Activity Center; there's no need to go downtown. You must be at least 65 years of age or better for the senior card, or have a disability that qualifies for an ORCA Regional Reduced Fare Permit. The card is free, and cardholders can add between \$5 and \$300 onto the card's e-purse, which works similarly to a pre-paid debit card and deducts the correct fare each time you tap. Cash, checks, and major credit cards accepted for e-purse payment. Age 65+

Tues April 23, 10am–12pm

Bring Your Shredding Event

This is a perfect event for getting rid of all those boxes, file drawers, and years of old paperwork you don't want to throw in the recycling. This event is totally secure—you can even stay and watch your papers being shredded. Items accepted are paper (staples ok) such as receipts, invoices, bills, bank statements, canceled checks, file folders, and envelopes. No cardboard, newspaper, boxes, X-rays, or plastic. Sponsored by the Senior Services Advisory Committee.

Thu Apr 18, 11am–3pm
DMAC parking lot



Learn to Ride Metro Transit Bus and Light Rail

Must pre-register and attend both Part One and Part Two.

Part One: Classroom Presentation

Part One: Classroom Presentation

Come hear how to ride and navigate the LINK light rail. Get useful tips on boarding, recognizing your stop, transferring from LINK to buses, paying for the ride, and planning your trip.

Thurs May 16, 9:30–11am (Spanish)
1–2:30pm (English)

Part Two:

Group Instructional Outing

Practice riding the bus and the light rail with our group. The Metro instructor will escort you on a trip so you can practice riding the bus to the light rail. You'll ride the light rail to the UW, and make a practice stop along the way to experience getting on and off the light rail. Leave from the Activity Center.

Fri May 17, 9:30am–12:00pm (Spanish)

Fri May 24, 9:30am–2:30pm (English)



"Out to Lunch Fridays"

Enjoy no-host dining at Northwest restaurants.

Transportation Fee: \$10

Departures: 10-10:45am

Return: 2:00pm

- 4/12** Southern Kitchen, Tacoma
- 5/10** Bob's Burgers & Brews, Puyallup
- 6/14** Tantalus Greek Restaurant, Issaquah

Spring Horticulture Outings

Explore lush and varied Northwest gardens and nurseries. The \$10 transportation fee does not reflect a no-host lunch or garden admission fee.

Age 50+ \$10 Transportation fee

Fri April 5, 9:30am
Edgewood Nursery, Edgewood
Lunch TBA

Fri April 19, 8:30am
Roozengaard Tulip Fields, La Conner
Lunch on own in La Conner
\$7 garden fee

Fri May 3, 8:30am
Sunnyside Nursery, Marysville
Lunch TBA

Fri May 17, 9am
Anderson Garden, Enumclaw
Lunch TBA

Fri June 7, 8:45am
Old Capital Bld Japanese Garden, Olympia
Lunch at Casa Mia

Fri Jun 21, 9am
Lake Wilderness Arboretum, Maple Valley
Lunch at Black Diamond Bakery

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday

Wii Games & Sports

10am–1:30 pm

Hand & Foot Cards

1–4 pm

Tuesday

Wii Games & Sports

10am–1:30 pm

Mexican Train Dominoes

1–4 pm

Wednesday

Crafting Corner

9–11:30 am

Cribbage

9–11:30am

Wii Games & Sports

10am–1:30 pm

American Mah Jong

12:30–3 pm

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Mail the completed survey to the address below or
complete the survey online - <https://normandyparkwa.gov/np19/>

1. Please rank these Normandy Park features—1 being the highest

☐ The Trees ☐ Our Parks ☐ Safety ☐ Neighbors & community ☐ Walk-ability

2. Please rank the characteristics of Normandy Park—1 being the highest

☐ Friendly ☐ Beautiful ☐ Quiet ☐ Peaceful ☐ Welcoming

3. Rank these cities from favorite to least favorite- 1 being the most favorite

☐ Mercer Island ☐ Burien ☐ Normandy Park ☐ Edmonds ☐ Seattle

4. How well is Normandy Park recognized in the region? (**Select one**)

☐ Awful
Where is Normandy Park? ☐ Bad
You mean Burien? ☐ OK
I think I've heard of it... ☐ Good
Don't speed in that town! ☐ Great
It's so beautiful there!

5. What color comes to mind when you think of Normandy Park? (**Select one**)

☐ Blue ☐ Brown ☐ Green ☐ Yellow ☐ Other

Mail the completed survey to:

City of Normandy Park City Hall
801 SW 174th Street
Normandy Park, WA 98166

BIRDING BASICS CLASS

JOIN NATURALIST KEVIN
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AT MARINE VIEW PARK

Thursday, April 11th
Saturday, April 27th
10:30am to 12:30pm

MARINE VIEW PARK
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CITY HALL 206.248.7603

The purpose of zoning regulations is to promote livable and economically viable communities by balancing the needs of homeowners, businesses, recreation, and other community priorities. This is done by establishing and regulating land uses and development standards in the form of Zoning Ordinances. Zoning can also provide the opportunity to stimulate or slow down development in specific areas.

Zoning ordinances are laws established by local governments to regulate future development throughout the city. They include zoning maps that show zoning districts. These maps essentially show how the city will be developed and what each site's use can be. Each district and sub-district have different rules on what can be built on each site. For example, one sub-district might allow only single-family detached homes while another may allow duplexes or multi-family units, and another may only allow a business.

The zoning ordinance is a legal framework, but it must also be flexible enough to accommodate and guide development. Amendments can be made to alter it either by the local authority or by the public. An amendment is usually made to achieve a

desirable planning outcome or to support a new policy direction.

In addition to land uses, zoning ordinances establish development standards. These consist of regulations on lot size, setbacks, density, floor area ratio, building height, lot coverage, open space, scale, and parking to name a few.

Zoning ordinances give municipalities the ability to tailor the nature of their neighborhoods. Sections of a city zoned strictly for residential use not only create space for citizens to live but can also limit heavy traffic and noise pollution in that part of town. Municipal governments can institute highly specific zoning ordinances often to control the nature of a district or neighborhood.

For example, zoning ordinances could be used to preserve an aesthetic for all the buildings in the area. If the municipality wishes to maintain a historic part of town, zoning ordinances could limit real estate there to buildings of a comparable height and square

footage as the historic buildings.

Almost anything you want to build or place on a site is most likely regulated by zoning laws (driveways, easements, fences, garages, signs, and pools among other things). It is always best to check specific zoning laws or speak to a local zoning official about the specifics of local zoning ordinances.

Zoning ordinances are determined by local governments and, therefore, vary by location. They also change

constantly. Most municipalities provide current zoning documents and tools on their websites while others have a very traditional approach with hard copy resources. The City of Normandy Park provides an updated version

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of the zoning regulations on the city's website. To get more information, do a quick online search to review the city's zoning regulations or simply stop by City Hall and talk with anyone from the Community Development Department.

Become a Normandy Park Community Forester!



Normandy Park Community Foresters is a stewardship program that will focus on forest restoration in Marine View Park.

Foresters will receive training in restoration ecology and community engagement, and are required to commit to the program for most 1st Saturdays of each month beginning April 6th, 2019.

To sign up, and for further information, email Community.Foresters@normandyparkwa.gov or call Joy Wood at (206) 963-5704



Restoration Analytics & Design LLC (RAD) works with the King Conservation District (KCD) Urban Forest Health Management Program to bring this stewardship opportunity to the City of Normandy Park.



NUMBERS ARE DOWN.

The 2018 Community Salmon Investigation results are in, and the numbers are not encouraging. Community scientists who survey Miller and Walker Creeks daily during the spawning season between October and December observed 43 coho, 31 chum and 29 other salmon that could not be identified. These totals represent the second consecutive year of declining salmon returns to the watershed and are a far cry of the recent

highs of 432 coho and 508 chum salmon observed in 2011.

Recent declines in salmon are not isolated to our watershed. Declining returns have been observed throughout Puget Sound and have been linked in part to poor ocean conditions for salmon growth and survival over the last few years. Improving ocean conditions and the recent 2019 Puget Sound coho forecast (up 15% from the 10-year average) hopefully, point to a rebound in returns to our watershed in 2019.

The Community Salmon Investigation is supported by the Miller-Walker Basin Stewardship Program (a partnership between Normandy Park, Burien, SeaTac, King County and the Port of Seattle). A recent collaboration with the University of Washington Center for Urban Waters is helping to improve our understanding of the contaminants linked to urban runoff mortality syndrome in coho salmon and identify potential “hot spots” within our watershed to target for future stormwater retrofits to improve water quality for the salmon.



For more information about the Miller-Walker Stewardship Program, including future volunteer events, please contact our Basin Steward Matt Goehring (mgoehring@kingcounty.gov).

Ever Wonder...

... about the history behind the parks?

BY AMANDA LEÓN

Wilson Park: 2001, Donation from Grace M. and T.A. Wilson.

Walker Preserve: 1992, Donation and purchase from Ron, Richard and Sally Walker, and King County.

E. J. Nist Park: 2003, Donation from Emmet J. Nist.

City Hall Park: 1987, Purchased from the Highline School District, formerly Normandy Park Elementary School, and Central Washington University.

Marine View Park: 1982, King County donation and purchase. Formerly named "Normandy Beach Park," a Marvista School student won a citywide contest to rename the park to Marine View.

Marvista Park: a former US Army antiaircraft artillery site, purchased by the city in 1953 from the Murphy family, formerly named "Civic Center Park." Before City Hall was moved to its present location in 1989, the former "Mess Hall" was Normandy Park's, City Hall.

Brittany Circle Park: designed and built in 1928 for the Riviera Neighborhood.

Nature Trails Park: purchased from the Highline School District in 1976.

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... if a tree makes a sound when it falls and no one is around?

Why tree preservation is vital to Normandy Park

BY RYAN HARRIMAN, AICP, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Trees provide essential aesthetic, environmental, and economic benefits and are an integral part of the City of Normandy Park's character. These benefits come from significant contributions to stormwater management, public health improvement, energy use reduction, air pollution abatement, and overall quality of life.

The publicly and privately-owned forests combine to create an urban tree canopy that provides numerous benefits to city residents, businesses, students, and the Puget Sound region as a whole.

The ecosystem, economic, and social services provided by trees will become even more critical to Normandy Park

as the population increases and economic development continues. Recognizing the value of the urban forest, the King County Conservation District assessed the extent of the current total tree canopy coverage at 46 percent.

There are several locations throughout the city where trees have been removed, and properties have been clear-cut. Property owners have no limitations when it comes to tree removal, nor are there requirements to obtain permits, potentially resulting in significant environmental, economic and aesthetic damage, and the permanent loss of invaluable

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Join naturalist Kevin O'Malley on a guided walk to discover owls at Nature Trails Park and Walker Preserve.

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June 7th
June 21st
July 12th
July 26th
August 2nd
August 16th
August 30th



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aleon@normandyparkwa.gov or call 206-248-8257



resources. The city may at some point adopt specific code language to preserve, protect and require replacement for trees removed from properties within its boundaries.

The Normandy Park City Council, through resolution, has directed staff to develop tree preservation regulations to preserve and protect significant trees in the design and construction of new buildings, roadways, and utilities and in the use and maintenance of existing properties.

What is a long-range goal for managing trees and the urban forest in Normandy Park? The city may also consider developing an Urban Forest Management Plan, as an additional step in the city's effort to proactively manage this valuable asset.

The Community Development Department and Planning Commission are revisiting this issue and may recommend that the city develop a process that regulates tree removal, tree retention, and tree preservation.

The City Council must decide what the ultimate goals are in this process. There are a number of things to consider: we are an urban city; trees are important to the character of our ecological functions; and we have a reasonably robust tree canopy. The city must decide how trees should be managed in the future.



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- Yoga – New! April
- Basic Dog Obedience – New! July
- Movie Night – New! coming soon
- Easter Egg Hunt – April 20 @ 11 am
- Cinco De Mayo – May 4 @ 7 pm
- 4th July Celebration – July 4
- Cove 60th Birthday – July 11
- Artist United – Nov 2 & 3 @ 9am
- Holiday Bazaar – Dec 7 @ 9 am
- Santa Party – Dec 8 @ 1 pm

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Occasionally, the City of Normandy Park receives calls from concerned citizens regarding issues that could be considered public nuisances, subject to code enforcement actions.

Each of the following conditions constitutes a public nuisance under State law and city code and if the enforcement officer determines that any of these conditions exist upon any premises, or in any lake, creek, stream, drainage way or wetland, upon either public or private lands, the enforcement officer may require or provide for abatement thereof (NPMC 7.88.020):

1. The existence of any tree that is in danger of falling, thereby creating a substantial risk of damage or injury to property or persons;
2. The existence of any accumulation of materials or objects in a location or in a manner that endangers property or safety or constitutes a fire hazard;
3. The existence of any unused and abandoned trailer, house trailer, automobile, boat or other vehicle or major parts thereof;
4. The existence of any abandoned or unused well, cistern or storage tank unless such tank is securely closed so as to prevent entry and such well or cistern is filled or securely capped to prevent entry;
5. The existence of any unattended or discarded icebox, refrigerator or other large appliance;
6. The existence of any drainage onto or over any sidewalk, street or public right-of-way;
7. The sale of goods from residential structures, except where all standards of NPMC 18.32.050 are met;
8. Any fighting between persons or animals or birds conducted on any premises or at any location, violation of which is considered a misdemeanor;
9. The processing of hides, skins, the whole or any part of any dead animal, fish or fowl, vegetable or animal matter in any quantity, but nothing herein shall prevent the temporary retention of wastes in approved covered receptacles;
10. Any privies, vaults, cesspools, sumps, pits or like places intended for waste materials;
11. Any littered, decaying, unkempt, falling or damaged dwellings or structures;
12. The existence on any premises of trash or abandoned materials, including bottles, cans, glass, ashes, and scrap iron;
13. Keeping of more than four dogs or more than four cats on any premises, except litters under the age of four months, without a current animal license as described in Chapter 6.04 NPMC;
14. Keeping of any animals in contravention of the regulations specified in NPMC Title 6 or Title 18;
15. Construction, expansion, or remodeling until such permit shall have been issued;
16. The existence of any violation of shoreline use regulations as specified in Chapter 16.20 NPMC;
17. Violations of zoning or land use restrictions or requirements as specified in NPMC Title 13 or Title 18;
18. Encroachment into any public right-of-way by structures or walls; or trees, shrubs or other vegetative matter that interferes with public safety, driving sight lines, or the free passage of pedestrians;
19. Violations of building and construction codes as specified in NPMC Title 14.

The city will continue to investigate and monitor all complaints received and will work with property owners to alleviate public nuisances. It is important to know that code enforcement actions take time. Public nuisances are not resolved overnight and sometimes take years to mitigate. Since last spring, city staff has resolved 16 such issues.

If you believe an active public nuisance exists, you are encouraged to contact the Community Development Department so a proper investigation can take place. If the investigation proves that a public nuisance exists, the city will contact the property owner and begin code enforcement action.

Marvista Park Community Garden Open House and Garden Classes

THURSDAY NIGHTS AT MARVISTA PARK, 5-7 PM

- JUNE 13TH- TRELLIS BUILDING WORKSHOP
- JULY 11TH- SOIL NUTRITION
- AUG 8TH- GOOD AND BAD BUGS
- SEPT 13TH- GOODNIGHT SWEET GARDEN



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Did you Know that the City of Normandy Park Has a Vision Statement?

BY MARK HOPPEN, CITY MANAGER

The purpose of the following vision statement taken from the City of Normandy Park Comprehensive Plan (Chapter 1-6, 2016) is to outline community characteristics that residents intend to actualize over the next twenty years. To achieve this vision, related goals and policies in the Comprehensive Plan

provide operational and capital improvement guidance.

“Nestled in a forest that rises from the waters of Puget Sound, Normandy Park is a testament to the ideals of safe and stable residential neighborhoods and to the integration of the natural environment into the everyday lives of residents. The residential character of Normandy Park,

coupled with surrounding open spaces and environmentally sensitive areas, are major components of the city’s character, and it is essential that they be preserved.

Regarding the built environment, residents envision a future much like today, with low-density housing typical in most areas. Based on existing patterns, a higher-density, mixed-use environment is envisioned along 1st Avenue South, supporting walkable access to services, a more vital, fiscally-balanced economy, and attractive, affordable housing options for the community’s increasingly diverse needs.

Regarding open space and natural areas, residents support the preservation of the city’s forested, park-like character. Enhancement of the city’s shorelines, streams and critical areas is also a priority, improving the beauty and biodiversity of such areas, including salmon runs.

Whether traveling for work, for daily needs, or for recreation, citizens envision being able to move about easily and enjoyably, using a well-maintained network of roads, streets and trails, designed appropriately for each service area, as well as for transit. Together, the citizens of Normandy Park pledge to work towards a future that preserves the city’s safe, healthy, scenic and slow-paced character, while enhancing its natural environment, economic vitality, and overall quality of life.”



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